

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated July 7, 2005.

Applicant is submitting an Information Disclosure Statement concurrently which includes the PCT, International Search Report.

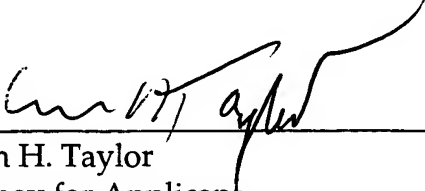
In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 3 and 21 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 1 has been amended to include all the limitations of claim 3, and claim 17 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 21. Consequently, applicant submits that the dependent claims 2, 4-10 which depend from the amended claim 1, and claims 18-20 and 22 are allowable since they all depend from either claim 1 or 17. (The dependency of claim 22 has been changed so that this claim now depends on claim 17.)

Applicant submits that all the claims are in condition for allowance and an earlier allowance would be appreciated.

Please charge any shortages and credit any overcharges to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,
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